

2 PER CENT. TAX ON NET EARNINGS

President Taft to Personally Supervise Finishing Touches of Tariff Bill Amendment.

CONFERENCE CALLED FOR TONIGHT

At which Time it is Expected All Changes will be Agreed Upon and Perfected Amendment be Ready for Introduction Thursday—The Two Per Cent Tax to be Collected from All Corporations.

Washington, June 21.—President Taft will personally supervise the finishing touches upon the amendment of the tariff bill providing for the imposing of a 2 per cent tax upon the net earnings of corporations. This will be done tonight at a conference at the White House.

Perfect Amendment Ready Thursday. There will be present Attorney General Wickham and Senator Root, who are drafting the amendment. Secretary of State Knox and Senators Aldrich, Burrows, Penrose, Hale, Cullum, Lodge, McCumber, Smoot and Flint, constituting the republican membership of the finance committee. The draft prepared by Messrs. Wickham and Root will be discussed at the conference. Such changes as are agreed upon will be made by the attorney general, and the perfected amendment will be ready for introduction in the senate on Thursday.

Long Meeting at the Capitol. The attorney general and Mr. Root had a long meeting at the capitol today, reaching an agreement on practically every feature of the corporation tax plan. The portion giving them the greatest trouble relates to the government control of corporations.

DENIAL OF REPORT OF HARRIMAN'S ILLNESS. Statement by Vice President of Union Pacific Railroad Company.

New York, June 21.—Rumors that E. H. Harriman was critically ill in Vienna, a report which was at times exaggerated to the extent that he was dead, all met with prompt denial by his close associates and at the Union Pacific office this afternoon. Notwithstanding the reports, caused by a sharp break in the stock market, the decline in the so-called Harriman stocks had not been checked when trading resumed.

Union-Pacific dropped four points and recovered only a quarter, making a net loss of 3 1/2 for the day. Southern Pacific showed a net loss of 2 1/2. Reading of 4 1/4, and Amalgamated Copper of 2 3/4. Losses as high as 15 points in the first water mark of a few days ago were recorded. As to the rumor, one of Mr. Harriman's closest associates, who has no hint of any change in Mr. Harriman's condition.

Robert S. Lovett, vice president and general counsel of the Union Pacific railroad company, made this statement: "I have no doubt that the rumors are false. I have a cablegram from Mr. Harriman this morning upon a matter of business. I have been called upon almost every day since Mr. Harriman called to deny false reports about his health. I am tired of it and shall pay no further attention to it."

WIRELESS OUT OF ORDER. Apparatus on Lightship Nantuxet is Disabled—Liner Vadeland Notified.

New York, June 21.—Information that the wireless apparatus on the lightship Nantuxet, which was disabled, was brought into this port today by the steamer Vadeland on her arrival from Antwerp.

The Vadeland was passing the lightship yesterday when a string of about five fuses from the lightship's mast attracted the attention of the liner's officers and the Vadeland was swung around in a circle until the meaning of the flag could be made out.

The captain of the lightship asked the Vadeland to return to the lightship to the naval station at Newport.

The trouble is with the spark coil and a new one will be sent from Newport to her on a tugboat boat either tonight or tomorrow.

A MICHIGAN BANK CLOSED. Directors of First National of Ironwood Ask Examiner to Take Charge.

Washington, June 21.—The controller of the currency has received a telegram stating that the First National bank of Ironwood, Mich., closed its doors today.

The board of directors, who passed a resolution asking that a national bank examiner take charge of the institution. The bank was capitalized at \$50,000, and at the time of its last report had a surplus of \$20,000.

STEEL MAN A SUICIDE. Manager of Philadelphia Branch of Jones & Laughlin Shoots Himself.

Van Wert, Ohio, June 21.—Frank W. Campbell, manager of the Philadelphia branch of the Jones & Laughlin Steel company of Pittsburgh, shot and killed himself here today.

Campbell is said to have been suffering from a nervous breakdown. He was on his way west for a rest and was visiting here with his father, proprietor of the hotel.

Two Indictments for Murder in Providence.

Providence, R. I., June 21.—Two indictments for murder were reported by the grand jury today, one charging Robert Russell, a sexton, with having shot and killed Deacon Nelson Morgan during a factional quarrel at the Olney Street colored Baptist church on March 16 last.

Cabled Paragraphs.

Omsk, Asiatic Russia, June 21.—The paymaster of the Twenty-sixth East Siberian rifle has fled from Omsk after drawing \$30,000 of the regimental funds on forged orders.

Arica, Chile, June 21.—Sir John Jackson, the English contractor, who is to begin the construction of the Arica-La Paz railroad for the Chilean government, arrived here last night. He is interested also in securing port and dock construction contracts in Chile.

London, June 21.—The commission appointed by the international meteorological committee in Paris in 1907 to consider the adoption of an international system of maritime weather signals is at present holding a meeting in London.

The first suggestion of an international system of signals came from Professor Moore. The commission will report to the international committee in 1910.

PASSENGERS WITNESS FIGHT BETWEEN OCEAN MONSTERS. Whale and Swordfish in Combat Off Nantuxet Shoals, Whale Killed.

Boston, June 21.—A fight between monsters of the ocean was witnessed today by the passengers and crew of the steamship Espada, which arrived from Port Limon, Costa Rica.

The contest occurred south of Nantuxet Shoal lightship. The combatants were a whale and a swordfish. The whale was the only one of the two fighters who was killed.

The great mammal lashed its tail vigorously, churning the water and sinking from sight. The swordfish, however, was not so easily defeated. It finally the whale was seen to throw its massive bulk clear of the water and then sink from sight.

The whale had received a mortal wound. To REBUILD BELFRY TOWER. Structure Whose Bell Roused Lexington on Night of Paul Revere's Ride is Destroyed.

Lexington, Mass., June 21.—The destruction of the old belfry tower, whose bell awakened the little town on the night of Paul Revere's ride, in a sale yesterday called forth prompt action on the part of the town.

The belfry was erected in 1781 on Belfry Hill because the local church had no such appearance. Two years later the tower was moved to the site of the present belfry.

It is expected that a popular subscription will be organized for its reconstruction, as the timbers are still sound.

ALFRED NOBLE WINS PLACE. Defeats Field in Impressive Style in Parkway Handicap.

Greenwood, June 21.—Alfred Noble, a six to one shot, easily won the Parkway handicap, a mile and one-sixteenth, which was held today.

He explained the victory to the charge that Mrs. Gould was continually and habitually intoxicated from 1902 to the present.

When he recovered from his astonishment, Mr. Shearn read from the results with testimony, which showed that Mrs. Gould was continually and habitually intoxicated from 1902 to the present.

It was on account of the unexpected attitude taken by the defense that Mr. Shearn read short of witnesses late in the afternoon.

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PULLMAN CARS SMOKE-FILLED. Passengers Frightened—Train Stopped—City Firemen Called On—Blaze Extinguished With Chemicals.

New York, June 21.—Fire was discovered on board the Chicago special, a fast New York Central train, a few minutes after it pulled out of the Grand Central station. Smoke from the blaze which was discovered in the Pullman cars quickly filled the rear Pullmans, frightening some of the passengers.

The train crew, after ineffectual attempts at putting out the flames with hand grenades, stopped the train and called on the city firemen for help. Firemen quickly smothered the blaze with chemical apparatus and the train proceeded on its way, half an hour behind schedule.

Killed in Fuse Works Explosion. Pompton Lakes, N. J., June 21.—Two men were killed and four injured, three seriously, by explosions today at the Macbeth fuse works, half a mile above this place.

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Preachers Howled and Hissed At. Hisses, yells and general confusion made the meeting one of the stormiest ever held by church men in Chicago.

Where the Stable Boys' Union Prevented the Horses from Reaching the Track. The crowd which went to see the Grand Steeplechase became impatient and set fire to the booths and hedges, many persons were hurt and many arrests were made.

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Condensed Telegrams

M. de Martens, the Russian expert on international law, died suddenly in the railroad station at Valk.

The American Branch of the International Banking corporation at Peking will be opened on Wednesday.

An Earth Shock in Tenerife destroyed the city hall, barracks and houses at foot, on the west coast.

Wilbur and Orville Wright arrived at Washington. They will begin their flight at Fort Meyer the latter part of the week.

Passengers Landed at Holyhead from the Celtic arrived in London before the vessel reached Liverpool. The White Star line's steamer from New York may hereafter touch at Holyhead to embark passengers.

Chief Plenty Horse, an Indian connected with a wild west show now in Boston, was killed by a train at the South station Saturday.

Postoffice Inspectors in and near Pittsburgh are arresting Italians who have been collecting money for the release of the Italian anarchist, Giovanni D'Amico, who was arrested in New York.

Superintendent Ross of the Canadian Pacific announced Saturday that repairs to the 1,000 foot lock wrecked by the Perry G. Walker ten days ago have been completed and water will be let into it at once.

W. J. Bryan and Mrs. Bryan, Mr. W. H. Leavitt and Miss Grace Bryan left Lincoln, Neb., Saturday night for Grand Lake, Col., where on the 24th they will attend the funeral of William J. Bryan, Jr., and Miss Helen Berger of Milwaukee.

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